

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/559,585	SLEMCU ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	/Zakiya W. Bates/	3676	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed 10/12/07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-13.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date <u>12022005</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9, line 20, the term "cruse" has been replaced with --crude-- in order to correct a spelling error.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record, including the newly cited references, fails to teach or suggest a composition or method as specifically called or in the claimed combination.

EP 0737798 (cited by applicant) teaches a method of removing asphaltene residue from wells and wellbore equipment used for well production. The reference teaches using a composition including: a) a phenolic oil (naphthalene, anthracene); b) an absorption oil (phenanthrene); c) a polymerization oil (pyrene); and d) at least a solubilizer and at various temperature ranges. However, the reference fails to teach the claimed volume percentages, distillation temperature ranges, and chemical additive mixture as specifically called for in the claimed combination or method.

Morduchowitz et al. (US 4,541,937) teaches a surfactant flooding method for enhanced oil recovery that includes injecting into a wellbore a composition that includes:

a) a phenolic oil (naphthalene, anthracene); b) an absorption oil (fluorene); c) a polymerization oil (pyrene, acenaphthene); and d) at least a solubilizer and surfactant. However, the reference fails to teach the claimed volume percentages, distillation temperature ranges, and chemical additive mixture as specifically called for in the claimed combination or method.

Wilson (US 3,730,273) and Knox et al. (US 3,276,519) each make use of a composition of phenolic oils, absorption oils, and polymerization oils in order to treat the formation and/or remove paraffin from pipes by injecting the composition downhole without a surfactant or additional chemical mixtures. The references fail to teach the claimed volume percentages, distillation temperature ranges, and chemical additive mixture as specifically called for in the claimed combination or method.

Therefore, none of the cited reference alone or in combination adequately teaches or suggests the invention as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Zakiya W. Bates/ whose telephone number is (571) 272-7039. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer Gay can be reached on (571) 272-7029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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